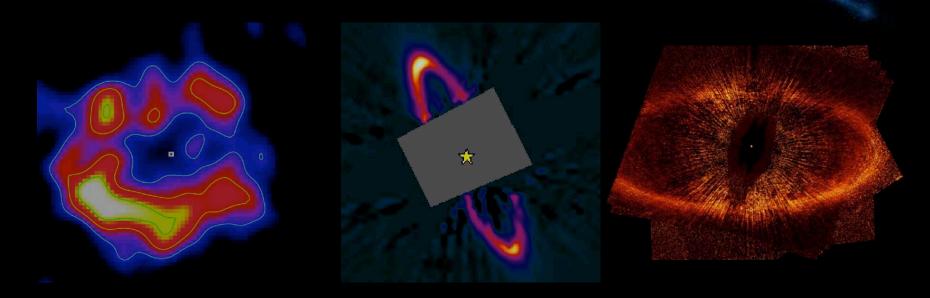
Gas and Dust in Debris Disks Clues to the Late Stages of Planetary System Formation

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3. Secondary Gas in Debris Disks



4. Dust in Debris Disks

5. Debris Disks and Extrasolar Terrestrial Planets

Theoretical & Observational Timelines

Theory









Time (millions of years) 5 10

1 Gyr



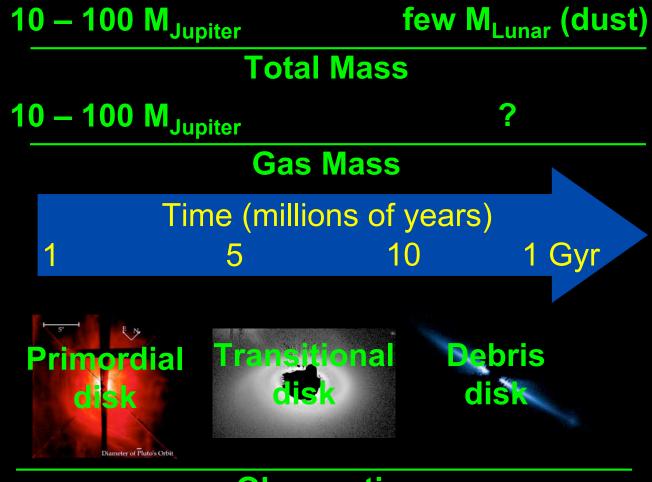




Debris disk

Observation

Disk Evolution



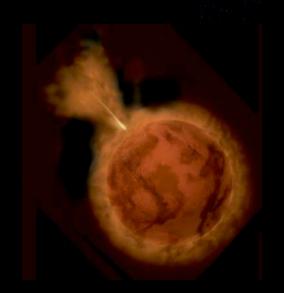
Observation

Debris Disks

- Wide range of ages:
 - ~ 10 Myr to ~ 1 Gyr
- Optically thin disks
 - Short dust lifetimes
- Secondary material (not primordial)
- Delivery of volatiles to terrestrial planet surfaces

(e.g. Morbidelli et al. 2000)

AU Mic — 12 Myr Krist et al. (2004)



Dust Structures

Clumps ε Eridani @ 850 μm

Greaves et al. (2005)

Rings HR 4796 w/ NICMOS

Caused by unseen planets?

Star

Schneider et al. (1999)

F606W

β Pictoris w/ ACS

Golimowski et al. (2006)

Primordial Gas in Debris Disks?

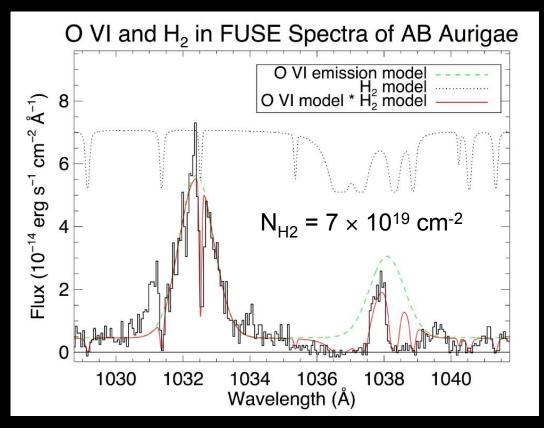
 Lifetime of primordial gas limits the timescale for giant planet formation, controls planet migration



- Only one detection of sub-mm CO
 emission in a debris disk (49 Ceti; Dent et al. 2005)
 - Gas giant planet formation no longer possible
- But ... CO depletion relative to H₂?
 - Claimed ISO detection of mid-IR pure rotational H₂ emission from Beta Pic, HD 135344, and 49 Cet (Thi et al. 2001)

FUSE Spectra of H₂

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 - Dipole-allowed transitions
 - Sensitive to cold gas
 - No CO/H₂ ratio needed
- But faint stellar
 FUV continua

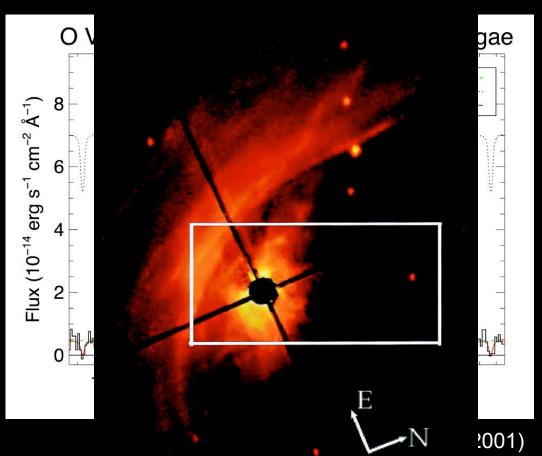


Roberge et al. (2001)

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- Can provide background flux for H₂ absorption

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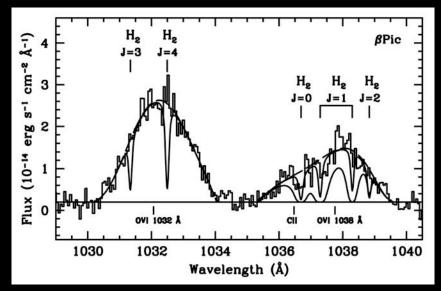
AB Aur — 2 Myr old Grady et al. (1999)

Limits on H₂ in Debris Disks

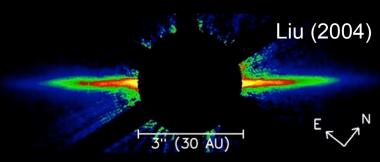


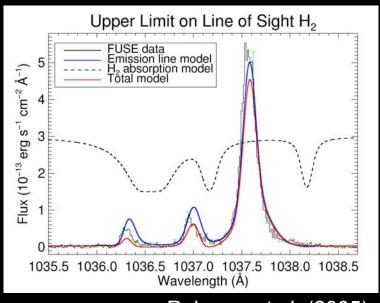
Golimowski et al. (2006)

Beta Pic – 12 Myr old A5V AU Mic – 12 Myr old M1



Lecavelier des Etangs et al. (2001)



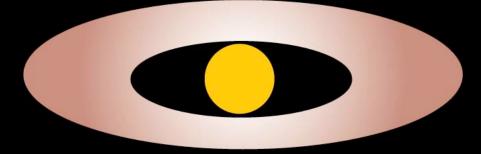


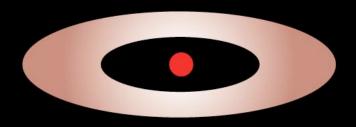
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Beta Pic vs. AU Mic

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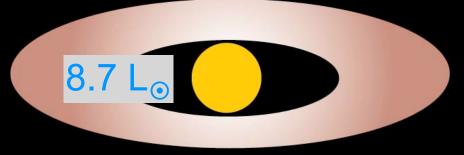


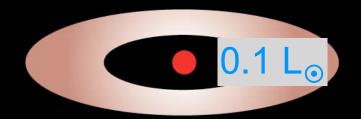
No more giant planet formation

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 $M_{H2} / M_{dust} < 3:1$

 $M_{H2} / M_{dust} < 6:1$



Giant Planet Formation



Magnetospheric Accretion

Stellar UV fluxes

(e.g. Adams et al. 2004)

Upcoming Primordial Gas Studies

- Large dispersion in estimates of gas lifetimes
 - Between ~ 10 Myr and < 1 Myr (Hillenbrand 2005)
- H₂ emission weak, sub-mm CO emission often saturated or undetectable

Upcoming Primordial Gas Studies

- Herschel Space Observatory
 - Far-IR to sub-mm imaging and spectroscopy
- Open Time Key Projects
 - "Gas in ProtoplanetarySystems" (GASPS)PI: W. Dent (UKATC, Edinburgh)
 - "Dust Around NearbyStars" (DUNES)

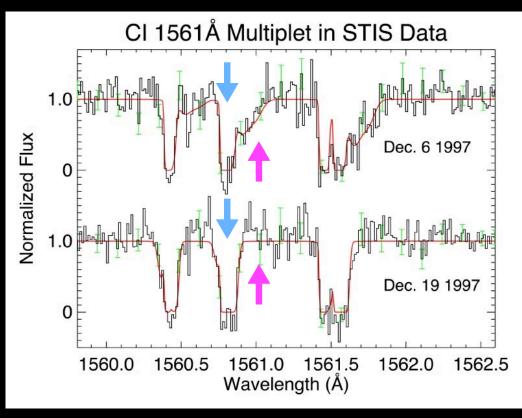
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http://herschel.esac.esa.int/

Secondary Gas in Debris Disks

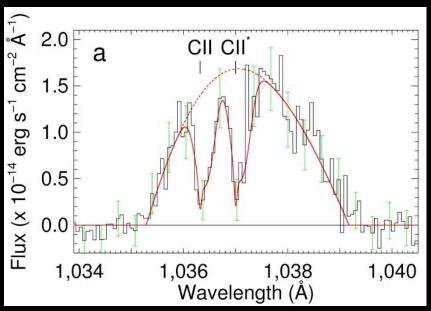
- Abs. lines in Beta Pic spectra from circumstellar gas
- Narrow unvarying features at v = v_⋆: stable gas
- Variable redshifted features :

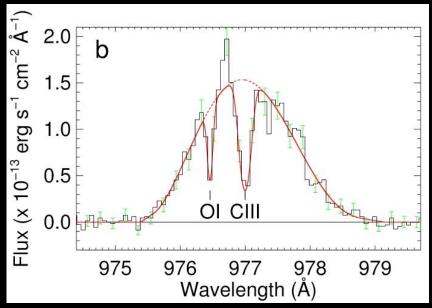


Roberge et al. (2000)

vaporization of star-grazing planetesimals (FEBs)

CII and OI in the Stable Gas



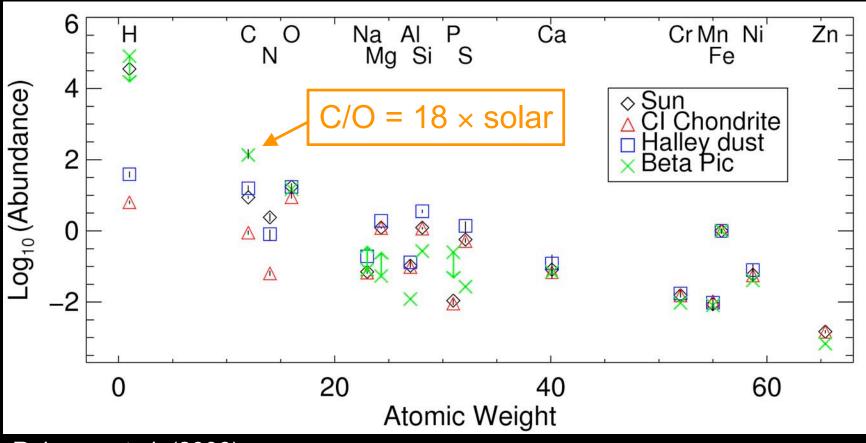


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- Inventory of two volatile elements
- Previous measurements primarily metallic species, showed solar composition (like star)

Beta Pic Gas Composition



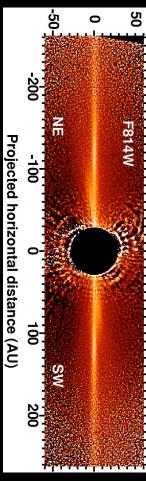
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C-rich AGB stars: C/O < 1.2 (Mattsson et al. 2007)

Dynamics of the Gas

Radiation pressure →
 blow away stable gas
 (e.g. Lagrange et al. 1998)

Need unseen braking gas



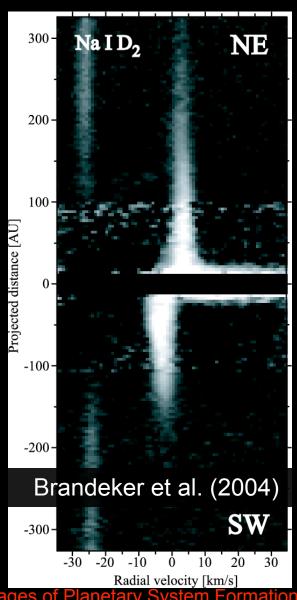
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- Image in resonantly scattered
 Na I emission

(Olofsson, Brandeker, & Liseau 2001)

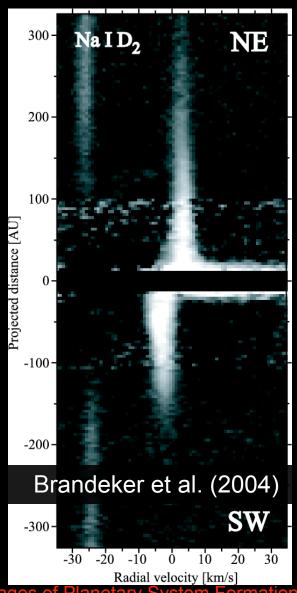
 β Pic gas disk in Keplerian rotation out to 100s of AU



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Dynamics of the Gas cont'd

- Modeling of Coulomb forces
 (Fernandez, Brandeker, & Wu 2006)
 - lons couple into single fluid
 with effective β-value
 - If solar abundance, still need unseen braking gas
- C is important in ionic fluid
 If C ≥ 10 × solar,
 gas will self-brake



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Why is the Gas C-Rich?

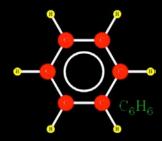
- Carbon-rich planetesimals
 - O > C, left-over O makes water
 - O < C, left-over C makes</p> methane, graphite, etc.







- Evaporation of volatile carbon material
 - Benzene etc. (J. Nuth, pers. comm.)

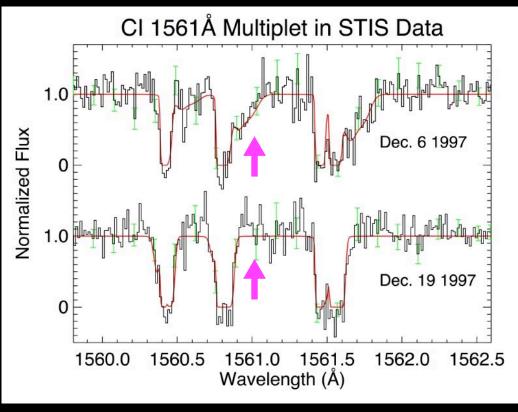


Variable Gas in Beta Pic

Redshifted,

10s - 100s km/s

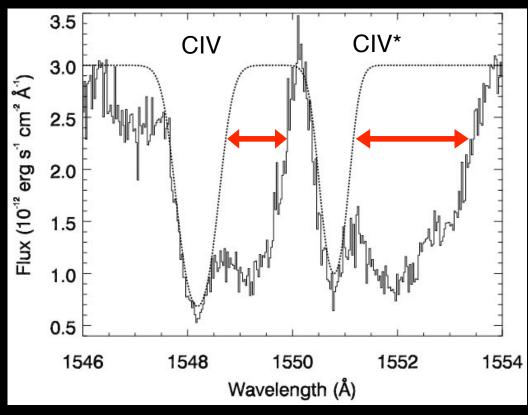
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Roberge et al. (2000)

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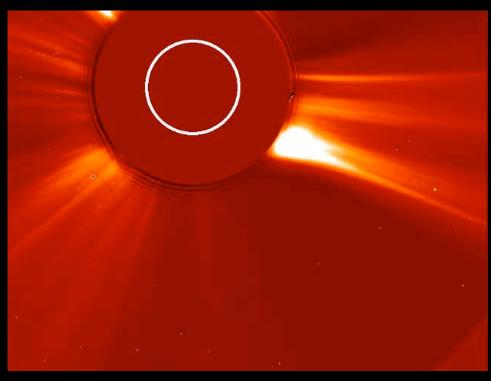


Bouret et al. (2002)

Highly ionized species produced by collisional ionization

Star-Grazing Comets

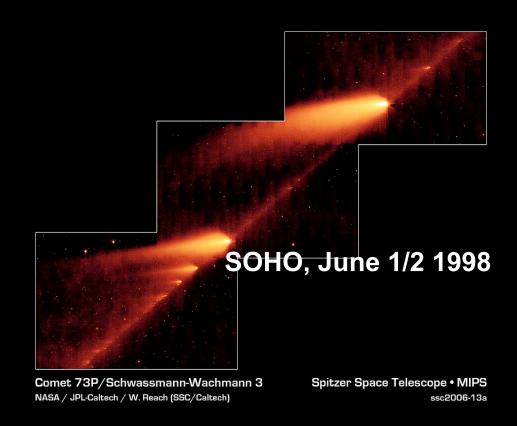
- Approach within few stellar radii
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 species formed in
 shock front
 (Beust & Tagger 1993)
- Hundreds of stargrazers per year



SOHO, June 1/2 1998

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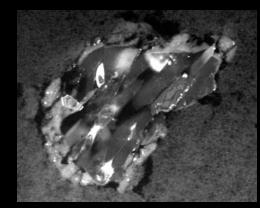
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- Families of comet fragments (Ferlet et al. 1993)



Star-Grazing Comets ???

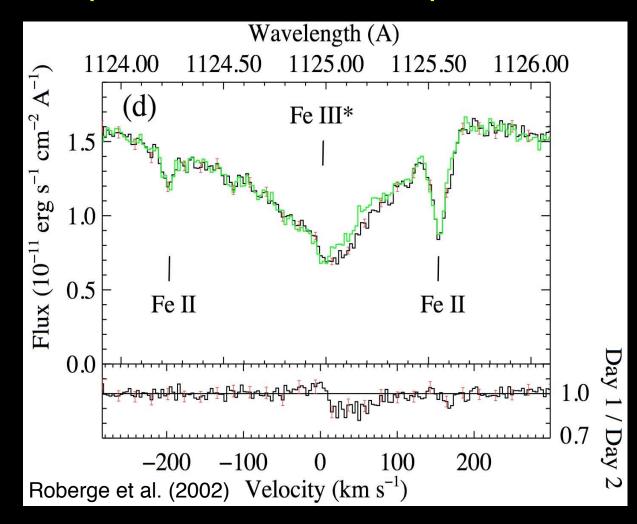
- Other claims of "β Pic" phenomenon
 - e.g. UX Orionis (Grady et al. 2000)
 - Accretion of primordial gas (Natta et al. 2000)
 - Composition matters as well as dynamics
- 51 Ophiuchi
 - Variable infalling gas(e.g. Grady & Silvis 1993)
 - Crystalline silicate emission ... debris disk ?

Forsterite from comet Wild 2



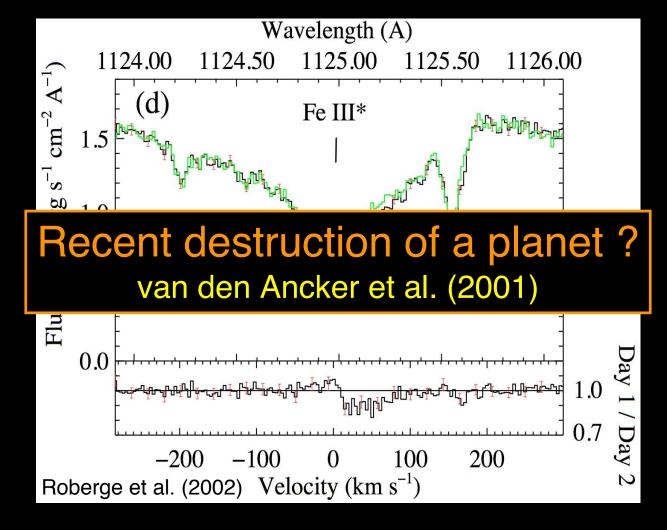
FUSE Spectra of 51 Oph

Gas composition: volatile-depleted or iron-rich



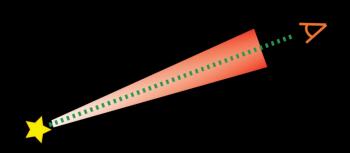
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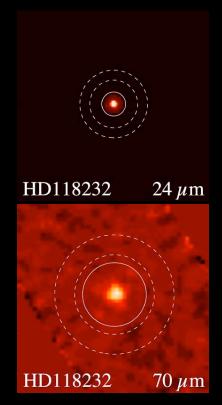
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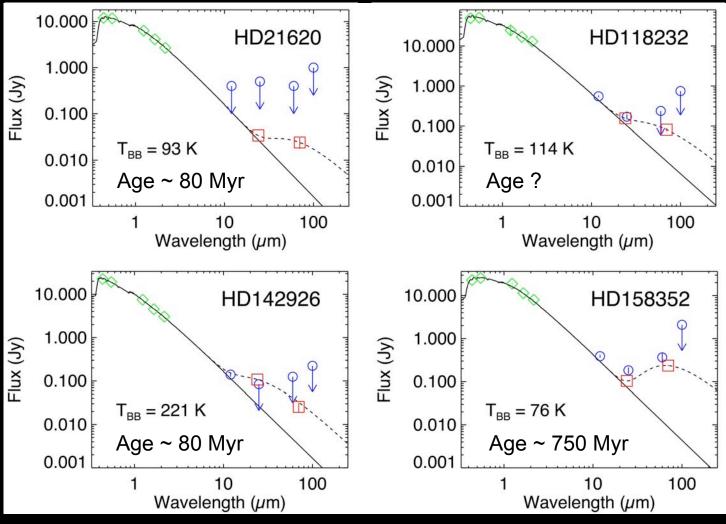
A Search for Disks w/ Gas

- Why do we know so little?
 - Cold gas, low abundances
 - Need edge-on disks
- Spitzer survey for circumstellar dust
 - Target stars have CS gas
 - Shell stars: evolved stars,
 classical Be stars, and
 protoplanetary/debris disks





New Disks with Gas & Dust

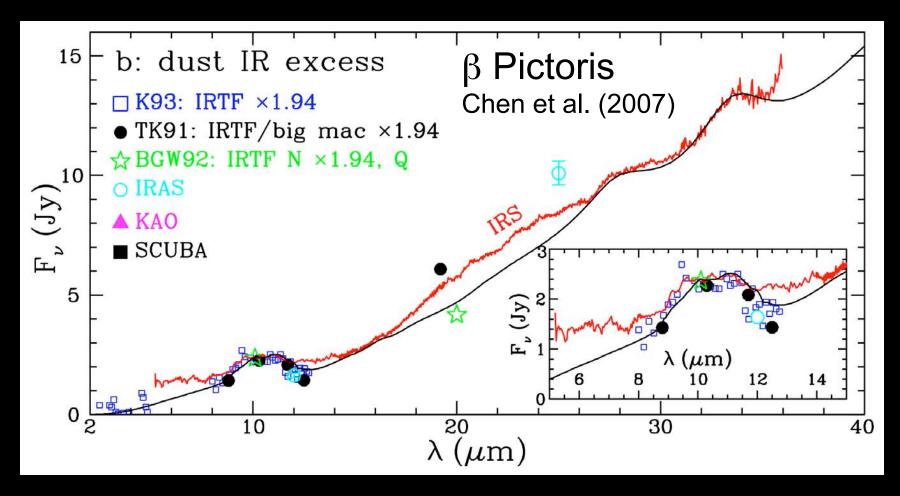


Roberge & Weinberger (2008)

Disks Among the Shell Stars

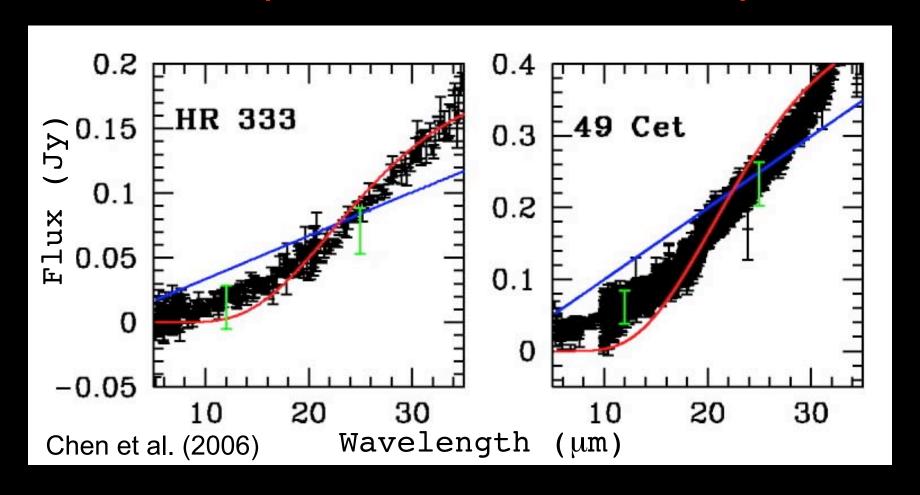
- Disk fraction ≥ 48% ± 14%
 - 7 known disks + 4 new disks out of 23
 - Could be as high as 65%
- May be higher than for normal MS A-stars
- Young stars as well as old ones in the shell star class
- Find dust disks by first looking for gas

Dust Composition from Mid-IR Spectra



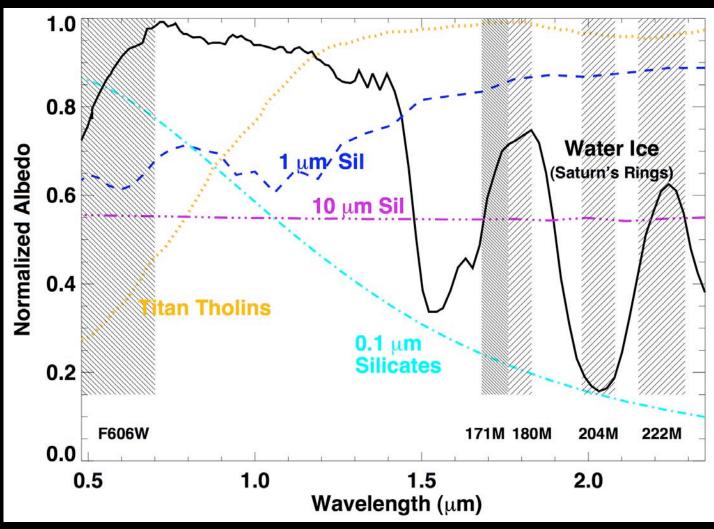
Small, warm amorphous & crystalline silicates

Dust Composition from Mid-IR Spectra



Cold grains, large grains → no composition info.

Albedos of Grains

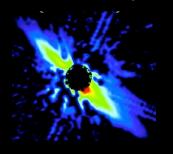


From A. Weinberger

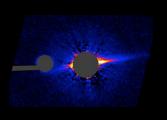
Scattered Light Colors

HD 32297 Blue AU Mic Blue HD 15115 Blue HD 92945 Neutral

Schneider et al. (2005) Krist et al. (2005) Kalas et al. (2007) Golimowski et al., in prep.









HR 4796A Red

Beta Pic

HD 181327 Red

HD 107146 Red

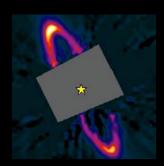
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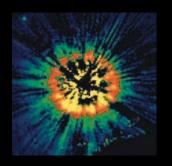
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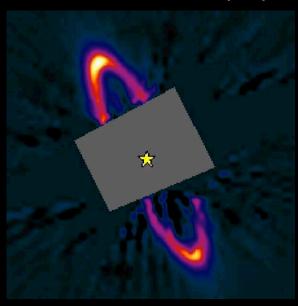


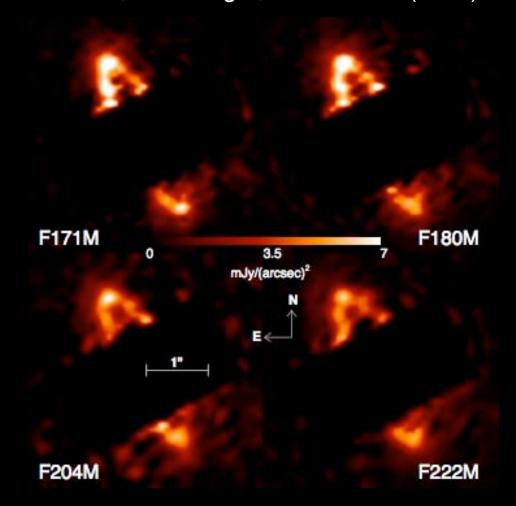


Organic Material in HR 4796A

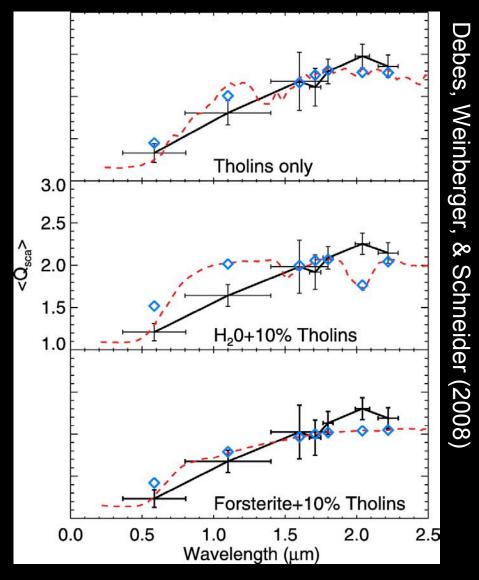
NICMOS Images
Debes, Weinberger, & Schneider (2008)

STIS Image Schneider et al., in prep.





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Debris Disks as Exozodis

- Sun has a debris disk
 - Zodiacal dust comes from asteroids, comets
- Solar System : 1 zodi
 Beta Pic : ~ 10,000 zodis
- Exozodis are noise for planet imaging
 - More than 10 zodis is bad
 - Spitzer : ≥ 100 500 zodis

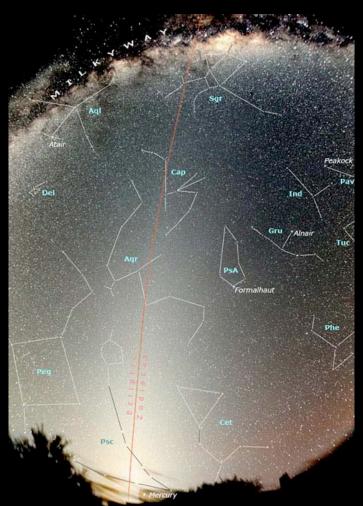


Image credit: Stefan Seip

Imaging Terrestrial Planets

Goal: Earth at 1 AU, 10 pc distant

Requirement: 10¹⁰ fainter than star, 100 mas away



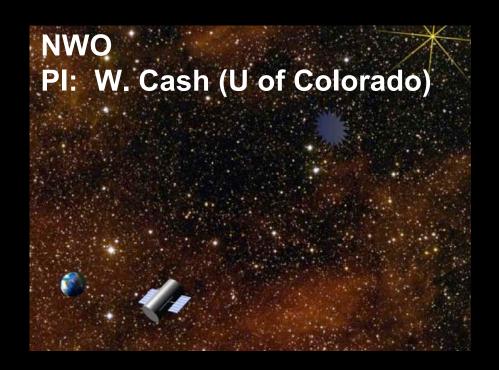
TPF-C (optical)



TPF-I (near-IR)

New Worlds Observer

- Occulting starshade
 - 72,000 km from telescope
 - "Simple" optical telescope
- General purpose observatory
 - 80% of time for other astronomy



Star Formation Observatory

PI: P. Scowen (ASU)

Merged with XPC

PI: D. Spergel (Princeton)

Summary

 Exciting upcoming studies of gas in protoplanetary disks

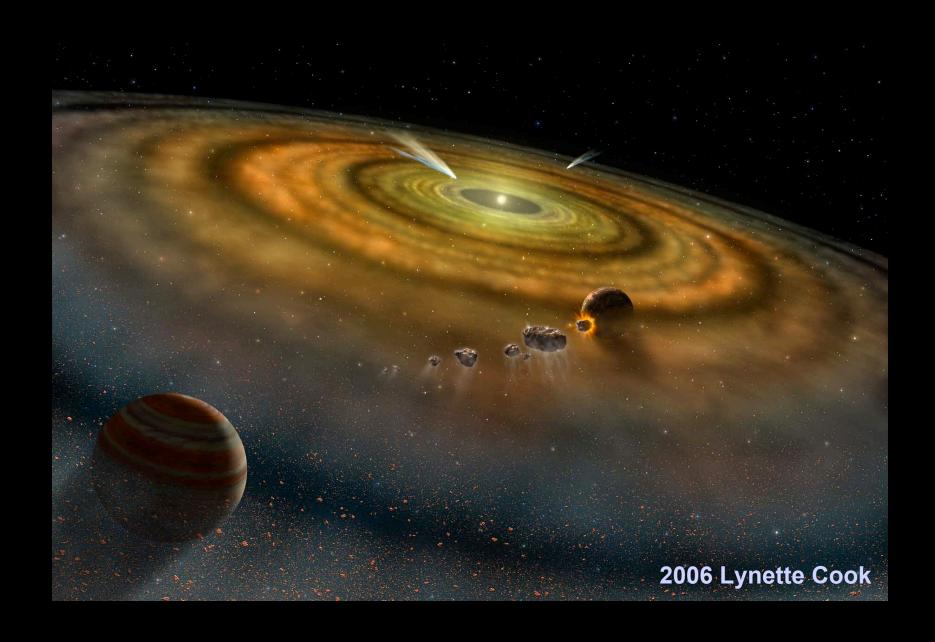




- 2) Debris gas & dust →
 composition of extrasolar
 planetesimals
- Exozodi dust major concern for planet imaging







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